

CHAPTER 899.

(House Bill 117)

AN ACT to add eleven new Sections to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", said new sections to be placed under a new sub-title "Explosives", and to be known as Sections 244 to 254, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 243 of said Article, providing for the licensing by the Insurance Commissioner of the manufacture and sale of explosives, and for the licensing by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts in the Counties and by the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, of the possession of explosives.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That eleven new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", under a new sub-title "Explosives", said new sections to be known as Sections 244 to 254, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 243 of said Article and to read as follows:

244. *Definitions.* As used in this Act:

(a) "Explosives" means gunpowders, powders used for blasting, high explosives, blasting materials, fuses (other than electric circuit breakers), detonators and other detonating agents, smokeless powder and any chemical compound or any mechanical mixture containing any oxidizing and combustible units, or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities, or packing that ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion or detonation of any part thereof may and is intended to cause an explosion, but shall not include fixed ammunition for small arms, firecrackers or matches.

(b) "Person" includes any natural person, partnership, association or corporation.

(c) "Manufacturer" means any person who is engaged in the manufacture of explosives or who otherwise produces any explosive.

(d) "Dealer" means any person, not a manufacturer, engaged in the business of buying and selling explosives.

(e) "Commissioner" means the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Maryland.

(f) "Local licensing authority" shall mean the Clerk of the Circuit Court except as to Baltimore City where it shall mean the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.